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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2699

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: TBIO OCON RO  
SUBJ: PROPOSED U S-ROMANIAN WORKSHOP ON BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH  
PRIORITIES

REF: STATE 19632

1. AMBASSADOR'S AND SCIATT'S CALL ON HZCLZI MINISTER NICOLAESCU  
FEB 23 ELICITED PROMISE OF QUICK RESPONSE TO NIH WORKSHOP  
PROPOSAL IN REFTEL.

2. SCIATT MADE FOLLOW-UP CALL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS DIRECTORATE  
MARCH 18 WHICH PRODUCED STATEMENTS OF CONCERN ABOUT THE RECENT  
EARTHQUAKE, AND A WRITTEN RESPONSE MARCH 29. FROM TUJON (POUCHED  
NIH/QUINN) INDICATING MINHLTH PREFERENCE FOR PREPARATORY MEETING  
IN BUCHAREST AT UNSPECIFIED DATE "TO BE DETERMINED LATER."  
ON ASSUMPTION NIH WOULD EXPECT LOCAL COSTS COVERED BY ROMANIANS,  
MINHLTH ALSO ASKES THAT AMERICAN DELEGATION BE NOMINATED UNDER  
DHEW/MINHLTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

3. FYI: REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE, FREQUENT  
STAFF TURNOVER SEEMS TO RESULT IN LOSS OF CONTINUITY  
AT ALL BUT HIGHEST LEVELS OF MINHLTH. DEPUTY MINISTER ALDEA HAS  
BEEN RELIABLE CONTACT IN ALL CASES IN FACE TO FACE MEETINGS,  
AND EMBASSY URGES HEW/NIH INITIATE CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIM  
WHenever DIRECT REPLY FROM MINISTRY REQUIRED. MINISTRY  
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INVARIABLY SENDS REPLIES THROUGH EMBASSY, BUT IN ABSENCE  
OF FORMAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON HEALTH EXCHANGES,  
CLEARLY PREFERS THAT NEGOTIATED ACTIVITIES LIKE SUBJECT  
WORKSHOP BE BASED ON FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM HEW AT  
EACH STAGE. EMBASSY REQUESTS HEW CONSIDER THIS PROCEDURE  
ALONG LINES DISCUSSED IN PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF SMITH  
AUGUST 18, 1976 LETTER TO QUINN.

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